



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Diamondhead, Mississippi

Council Chambers
City Hall
June 17, 2013
6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation**—Mayor Ingraham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Councilmember Holcomb
4. **Roll Call**—The following members of Council were present: Mayor Ingraham, Dianne Ackerman, Hank Holcomb, Ernie Knobloch, Ron Rech. Councilmember Roberson was absent.
5. **Approval of Minutes**—Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to Accept the Minutes Subject to Any Corrections or Additions Made by Council. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes of the June 3, 2013 were approved.
6. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order**—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to Accept the Agenda Order Subject to Any Corrections or Additions Made By Council, the City Manager, or the City Clerk. The motion carried unanimously and the following additions were made to the Agenda:
 - 7d—Report on the June 10, 2013 Solid Waste Authority Meeting
 - 7e—Resignation Letter from E. Bragg Williams, III
 - 12e—Motion to Dissolve the Finance Committee
 - 14a—Councilmembers Points of Personal Privilege
7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
 - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Work Session will be held June 27, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. at Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
 - b. A Special Called Meeting of City Council will be held on June 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle for the purpose of approving the Minutes of the Meeting on June 17, 2013.
 - c. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is at 6 p.m. on July 1, 2013 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
 - d. Councilmember Holcomb gave a report to Council on the Solid Waste Authority meeting on June 10, 2013.

- e. Resignation Letter from E. Bragg Williams III—Mayor Ingraham read Mr. Williams' letter and thanked Mr. Williams on behalf of council for his advice and assistance. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech to spread the letter on the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Presentations / Appointments

- a. 2013-2057—Letters of Commendation to Election Commission and City Clerk—the Mayor recognized the Election Commissioners Louis Fuchs, Don Hopes, and Tyrone Sartin and presented them with letters of Commendation signed by all Councilmembers. The Mayor then recognized City Clerk Sue W. Foster and presented her with a letter of Commendation signed by all Councilmembers to be placed in her personnel file.
- b. Keep Diamondhead Beautiful Update—Paul Montjoy was recognized and updated Council on the progress of the Keep Diamondhead Beautiful Committee. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb to spread Mr. Montjoy's remarks upon the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Cruisin' the Coast Update—Mark Duffy was recognized and updated Council on the progress of the Cruisin' the Coast event and the addition of Diamondhead and the Blessing of the Classics to the schedule. He indicated that the Cruisin' The Coast event is expected to draw 6,000 cars to the Coast for the entire event. Diamondhead will be included in all of the advertising and brochures. Mr. Duffy presented a copy of the Diamondhead Cruisin' The Coast logo to the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Holcomb moved, second by Councilmember Knobloch to spread the report and logo on the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Holcomb reminded everyone that there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. on June 25 in the activity center to select volunteers to work with this event.

- d. Certificates of Appreciation from the Mayor and Council-
 - i. The mayor recognized volunteer city manager, Lloyd Ramirez, and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the City.
 - ii. The mayor recognized the City Clerk, Sue W. Foster, and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as volunteer City Clerk from February 6, 2013-May 14, 2013 and for her work in establishing and maintaining the official records of the City of Diamondhead and the City Clerk's office.
 - iii. The Mayor recognized Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Holcomb, and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her assistance with the volunteers.

Councilmember Ackerman spoke in appreciation of the volunteers who saved the city approximately \$200,000 in wages.

9. **City Manager's Report**—The City Manager was recognized and reported that the new phone system has been installed, excess furniture from the Hancock County Library has been made available to the City of Diamondhead, and the inauguration has been set for 4pm on Monday, July 1, 2013 in Council Chambers.
10. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items**
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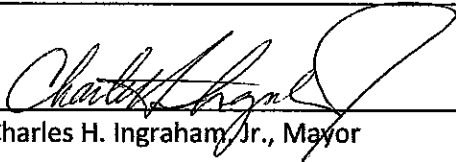
REGULAR AGENDA


11. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to Accept the Financial Reports as Presented. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **OLD and NEW BUSINESS**
- a. 2013-2058—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, Motion to Approve Election Commissioner's Compensation. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2013-2061—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to Refund Building Fees—The City Attorney was recognized and stated that there was no legal authority to refund fees and strongly recommended that no Building Fees be refunded. The motion was denied unanimously.
- c. 2013-2062—Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to Approve the Budget Amendments—City Manager was recognized and stated that in order to be in compliance with Mississippi State Statutes, the Budget must be in line by July 1 of each year. The Budget Amendments required were detailed and the City Manager stated that they did not exceed the 10% rule, as confirmed by the City's auditor and therefor there was no requirement for the city to advertise the amendments. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- The mayor read the memo from the City Auditor stating that the City is in compliance with State Statute. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to spread the City Auditor's memo upon the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. 2013-2068—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the City Manager's Letter Accepting the Governor's Proclamation for July 5, 2013 Holiday. The mayor read the Governor's Proclamation declaring July 5 as a legal holiday for the State of Mississippi. The motion carried unanimously.
- E.—Councilmember Ackerman moved to dissolve the Finance Committee that was established in February, 2012, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb. Following explanation by Councilmember Ackerman, The motion carried unanimously.
13. **Docket of Claims**—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to Accept the Docket of Claims as Presented. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that, due to the delay of the purchase of the city hall facility caused by a very small number of people, the City lost over \$11,000 in interest.

14. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items

- a. Louis Fuchs was recognized and recommended that the City Council write a letter of appreciation to the Circuit Clerk and her staff for their assistance with the recent elections.
- b. Councilmember Ackerman was recognized and indicated that when citizens are allowed to address Council, they should face the Council. She indicated that, at the last Council Meeting, an individual was allowed to face the audience which was incorrect. She also stated that Council Meetings are not a time to make a plea to the audience or to get a personal message out.
- c. Frank Yacenda was recognized and addressed Council regarding street lights.
- d. Lloyd Ramirez was recognized and commented to on the street lights.
- e. Sue Foster was recognized expressed here appreciation of the Council, their dedication to the city of Diamondhead, their personal sacrifice, and the example they have set for future city Councils.
- f. Bragg Williams was recognized expressed his appreciation to Council City Manager and City Clerk for the opportunity to serve as City Attorney.
- g. Councilmember Ackerman was recognized and spoke regarding her experience on City Council and thanked her husband, Rodney, for his support.
- h. Councilmember Holcomb was recognized and spoke regarding his experience on City Council and thanked his wife Susan, for her support.
- i. Councilmember Rech was recognized and recounted his experience with the Incorporation Committee and City Council. He expressed his thanks to those councilmembers leaving for their contributions to the City of Diamondhead.
- J. Councilmember Knobloch was recognized and described the process of being on City Council as being "mentally interesting" and his anticipation of the coming four years.
- K. Mayor Ingraham took the floor and recounted his experiences since the beginning of the incorporation process. He expressed his appreciation to Council for their dedication, to the citizens of Diamondhead, and to his wife for her support.

- 15. ADJOURN**—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor


Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on June 14, 2013.